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Bangladesh: draft resolution

Tobacco or health

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1993/79 of 30 July 1993, 1994/47 of 29 July 1994 and 1995/62 of 28 July 1995,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health,[1]

Taking note also of the adoption by the World Health Assembly of resolution WHA49.17 of 25 May 1996 to initiate the development of an international framework convention on tobacco control, in accordance with article 19 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, in collaboration with the United Nations system and coordinated through the United Nations system focal point on tobacco or health,

1. Welcomes the progress made by some United Nations organizations, agencies and offices in compliance with Economic and Social Council and World Health Assembly resolutions calling for a ban on the use of tobacco within the

[1] E/1997/62.

buildings of the United Nations system and emphasizes again the importance of full and effective implementation of those resolutions;

2. Notes with appreciation the message of the Secretary-General on the occasion of 1997 World No-Tobacco Day, in which he announced his decision to make all United Nations buildings smoke-free by the end of 1997 and requested the United Nations system focal point on tobacco or health to assist in achieving this objective;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the United Nations focal point and in cooperation with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development Programme, to provide support and assistance to all members of and participants in the Administrative Committee on Coordination in the implementation of World Health Assembly resolution WHA46.8 and the Secretary-General's commitment to a smoke-free United Nations by the end of 1997;

4. Decides to establish a Special Tobacco Control Voluntary Trust Fund to finance the most urgent activities of the United Nations system focal point on tobacco or health and invites Member States, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Health Organization and other United Nations organizations, agencies and offices, as well as other contributors from civil society, to contribute financial and technical resources to this Fund;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 on progress made by the United Nations system focal point in the implementation of relevant Council resolutions on tobacco or health.

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